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SUBJECT: FUKUDA POST-ELECTION PRESS CONFERENCE

SUMMARY. AT POST-ELECTION PRESS CONFERENCE, PRIMIN FUKUDA CALLED  
UPPER HOUSE ELECTION RESULT VOTE FOR STABILITY IN PRECARIOUS  
TIMES, REITERATED "INTERNATIONAL PROMISE" TO ACHIEVE 6.7 PERCENT  
GROWTH RATE, PLUMPED FOR COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS,  
AND UNDERScoreD IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN OF IMPROVED ASEAN TIES.  
END SUMMARY.

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1. AT FIRST POST-ELECTION PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 12, PRIMIN  
FUKUDA REITERATED THEME THAT IN MIDST OF INTERNATIONAL CHANGE,  
RESOURCE-POOR NATIONS LIKE JAPAN MUST WALK PRECIPITOUS PATH. IN  
THIS CONTEXT, HE INTERPRETED UPPER HOUSE ELECTION OUTCOME AS  
POPULAR VOTE FOR POLITICAL STABILITY CENTERED ON LDP. HE ALSO  
AGAIN DENIED ANY INTENTION OF RESHUFFLING CABINET FOR TIME BEING.

2. TURNING TO ECONOMICS, PRIMIN ASSERTED THAT JAPAN WAS MOVING TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT OF PROMISED 6.7 PERCENT GROWTH RATE. HE ADDED THAT CONTRACTS FOR NINETEEN BILLION DOLLARS IN PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES HAD ALREADY BEEN CONCLUDED BY END OF JUNE AND THAT EFFECT SHOULD BE SEEN IN AUGUST. SHOULD IT APPEAR 6.7 PERCENT TARGET WAS UNLIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED, FUKUDA PROMISED FISCAL AND MONETARY MEASURES NECESSARY TO MEET GOAL. HE ALSO PLEDGED CAREFUL ATTENTION TO JAPAN'S LARGE INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS SURPLUS WITH U.S. AND REITERATED GOJ INFLATION GOAL OF 7 PERCENT (CPI BASE).

3. ON INTERNATIONAL THEMES, PRIMIN UNDERSCORED HIS COMMITMENT TO COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, STATING IT WAS GOAL PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO SHARED. HE SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH OF JAPAN'S OBLIGATION AS AN ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER TO HELP LESS FORTUNATE NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE NEARBY. NOTING HISTORIC AND RACIAL ASIAN BONDS, HE DEPLORED LACK OF JAPANESE CONTACTS WITH SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND EXPRESSED DETERMINATION TO DEEPEN RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL COOPERATION. RECALLING HIS DECADE OF CONTACTS WITH ASIAN LEADERS, FUKUDA DESCRIBED HIS UPCOMING ASEAN SUMMIT VISIT AS IMPORTANT EVENT IN ANNALS OF JAPANESE DIPLOMACY AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE TO MOVE BEYOND TRADE TO EXPAND PERSONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE. COMMENTING ON "NATIONAL TRAGEDY" OF DIVIDED KOREA, FUKUDA EXPRESSED HOPE COUNTRY COULD BE REUNITED PEACEFULLY, RECOGNIZED DIFFICULTY OF DOING SO, AND SAID GOJ WOULD TRY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CREATE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH TWO SIDES COULD DISCUSS DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY. ON PRC TIES, FUKUDA SAID ONLY THAT GOJ SINCERELY HOLDS TO JAPAN-PRC NORMALIZATION PLEDGES AND HOPES PRC DOES AS WELL.

4. COMMENT. NOT SURPRISINGLY IN WAKE OF SUNDAY'S ELECTION, FUKUDA APPEARED CHEERFUL AND SATISFIED, READY TO MOVE AHEAD ON PENDING PROBLEMS WITH RENEWED SELF-ASSURANCE.  
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